

Embassy of the United States of America

Kuwait City, Kuwait

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MEMORANDUM

To: All American Wardens

From: Consular Section

Subject: Warden Notice 2008 – 7

Please circulate the following message without additions or omissions immediately to all American citizens within your area of responsibility.

Begin text.

On April 7, 2008, the Arab Times ran a front-page headline “Terrorists May Target Americans in Kuwait.” On page 2, the paper reprinted the Kuwait portion of the yearly DOS Crime and Safety Report. The relevant passage reads:

“The US Embassy and the Government of Kuwait have received threat information indicating official and private Americans may be targeted for terrorist attacks. Soft targets such as western hotels and restaurants can be considered vulnerable to terrorist attack, although many are making improvements in their perimeter and internal security. American citizens are advised to avoid apartment complexes where Americans or other Westerners are generally known to congregate in large numbers. We recommend that Americans maintain a low profile and vary routes and times for required travel to avoid predictable schedules.”

The information in the report reflects a general assessment of crime and safety in Kuwait. The section addressing threats by terrorist organizations is not based on any specific and recent information, but on statements made by Al-Qaeda leaders in recent years. The report reiterates existing Consular advice to Americans overseas to be aware of potential threats and to remain vigilant. Americans already in Kuwait or those planning to travel here can find updated consular information on security and other topics by visiting the website www.travel.state.gov.

The report is published by the Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC), which is a federal advisory committee that promotes cooperation on security issues between the American community overseas and the Department of State. Its yearly crime and safety report gives an updated general assessment of the security environment in various countries. The U.S. Department of State Diplomatic Security Service and Consular Sections provide input for those reports. More information can be found at www.osac.gov.

End Text.

American citizens with any questions or concerns may telephone the Embassy at 259-1581, 259-1583 or 259-1240. In case of an emergency outside business hours, American citizens may reach the Embassy duty officer by calling 259-1001.

For the latest security information, Americans should regularly monitor the Department's web site at <http://travel.state.gov>, where the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, and Travel Alerts can be found. Up-to-date information on security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll free in the U.S., or, for callers outside the U.S. and Canada, a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays.)

This message may be accessed on the Embassy website, <http://kuwait.usembassy.gov>. American citizens in Kuwait who would like to receive future Warden Messages from the Embassy directly by e-mail may sign up for this service by sending an e-mail to the following address: join-wardenmessagekuwait@mh.databack.com

American citizens resident and visiting in Kuwait who are not registered with the Embassy, or whose registration information has changed, are urged to register as soon as possible. They may now do so on-line at the Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs' website at <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/home.asp>

Please note that the Consular Section is closed for American and most local holidays. The current list of holiday schedule for the year 2008, may be viewed via the link below: <http://kuwait.usembassy.gov/holidays.html>